

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 860

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A RESOLUTION to honor the American Council of Young Political Leaders 2008 Romanian delegation to the United States.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable individuals who are dedicated to improving diplomatic relations amongst nations and the quality of life throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) 2008 Romanian delegation to the United States is one group of such noteworthy individuals, and they are visiting our Nation between March 28 and April 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, this honorable delegation's trip is a part of ACYPL's endeavors to cultivate relationships between the next generation of political leaders in the United States and their counterparts in other nations throughout the world; every year ACYPL sends young emerging leaders from the United States on political study tours abroad and organizes reciprocal visits to America by foreign delegations so that participants might learn diplomatic skills, engage in dialogue on issues of bilateral importance, and forge professional relationships with foreign colleagues; and

WHEREAS, the ACYPL 2008 delegation to the United States consists of seven leading Romanians, including Attila Kovács, a Member in the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of Romania; Angelica Juracopschi, General Director of the Multifunctional Center Caraiman; Narcis Ioan Toboc, President of the National Liberal Youth of Prahova County; Florin Melciu, State Sub-Secretary of the National Institute of Administration; Valentin Ionut Dragoiescu, Vice President for the Democratic Liberal Party of the Third District of Bucharest; Silvia Claudia Mihalcea, Expert for the Social Democratic Party Parliamentary Group in the Parliament of Romania Chamber of Deputies; and Escort Florin Sicoie, a Member of the Ploiesti City Council.

They are also accompanied by Interpreters Gabriel Tomescu, Mircea Oprea, and Nadia Brunstein and ACYPL Escort Valerie Szybala; and

WHEREAS, during their stay in the United States the Romanian delegates will visit the important government seats of Washington, D.C., St. Paul, Minnesota, and Nashville while interacting with distinguished politicians, businessmen, professors, and judges, such as George Washington University Professor Eliot Sorel, Minnesota Governor Timothy Pawlenty, businessman Jack Faris, and Tennessee Supreme Court Justice William C. Koch, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the ACYPL delegates will also have an opportunity to sample quintessential American cultural institutions, including Minnesota's Mall of America and Nashville's Grand Ole Opry; and

WHEREAS, since ACYPL's founding in 1966, approximately 7,000 leaders from more than ninety countries have participated in similar, valuable international exchanges; distinguished alumni include countless members of the United States Congress, cabinet members, prominent diplomats, government ministers, and parliamentarians from every region of the world; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Romanian delegation are peers to many of Tennessee's most illustrious leaders who are also alumni of the singular ACYPL, including United States Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn, United States Congressman Steve Cohen, United States District Judge Ronnie Greer, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Matthew Kisber, and former Governor Don Sundquist; and

WHEREAS, the ACYPL 2008 Romanian delegation is wholly committed to the development of a peaceful global community based on a mutual understanding within the diplomatic process and to the noble precepts of public service on which all upright governments are founded, and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the American Council of Young Political Leaders 2008 Romanian delegation to the United States on their commitment to improving the diplomatic

process and the lives of all the world's people and recognize their status as significant current and future leaders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to the delegation our warmest welcome as they visit our fair State and eagerly anticipate the unique opportunity for cultural and professional exchange between the Romanian ambassadors and our citizenry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.